

As a Tri-C graduate and the Representative for Ohio's Eleventh District, I deeply appreciate Dr. Johnson's extraordinary leadership, unparalleled vision, and lasting accomplishments. His legacy will only continue to grow through the countless students, teachers, and administrators he impacted.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's Eleventh Congressional District, I would like to thank Dr. Alex Johnson for his years of service as Tri-C's President and congratulate him on his retirement.

RECOGNIZING DR. RONALD A. PAUL

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the thoughtful and visionary leadership of Dr. Ronald A. Paul, the outgoing President of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of Greater Washington. During the last two years of the pandemic, Ron's compassionate and energetic leadership enabled the JCRC to render essential service not just to the Jewish Community but to the broader community during an excruciatingly hard time for so many people. Dr. Paul has served the people of Montgomery County, Maryland and beyond with relentless energy and enormous distinction. I am proud to be his Congressman and his friend.

For decades, Dr. Paul has dedicated countless hours as a key member of numerous executive committees and boards of local and national non-profit organizations. He served as Chair of the United Jewish Endowment Fund, Chair of the Endowment for the Jewish Agency for Israel of North America and the boards of the Jewish Council for the Aging, and the Anti-Defamation League.

But these commitments are not even his full-time job. For over four decades, Dr. Paul has worked as a renowned obstetrician-gynecologist while serving our community in numerous volunteer and leadership roles. His comprehensive approach to health care and inspirational leadership are deserving of the highest recognition and praise. Ron has been named one of Washingtonian magazine's Top Doctors.

Additionally, Dr. Paul and his loving wife, Toni, have dedicated themselves to serving survivors of the Holocaust in our community, and I want to give special recognition to Toni for founding the local Café Europa, a nationwide social program for survivors that has grown around the world since it was founded two decades ago.

Holocaust remembrance and education have been near and dear to Ron during his term as JCRC President, along with community security, and education and public health advocacy. His dedication to Maryland's Jewish community serves as an example for us all of what it means to be an engaged American citizen. I hope that the House will join me in celebrating Dr. Paul's enduring contributions.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPRINGS LEARNING CENTER

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, in a year which marks the 200th anniversary of the Dominican Sisters ministry in United States, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, who make their home in City of New Haven, are marking a special milestone—the 20th Anniversary of the Springs Learning Center. Over the course of the last two decades, the Center has become an invaluable resource to our community, and, in particular to the immigrants who have chosen to make the Greater New Haven area their home.

Education has always been a core component of the work of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Indeed, they have provided educational and pastoral services in New Haven since 1901 in elementary, secondary, and college programs. Recognizing the growing adult literacy and English as a Second Language needs in the community, the Dominican Sisters opened Springs Learning Center in 2002 to continue their educational mission in the Fair Haven area.

Since opening its doors just twenty years ago, the Springs Learning Center has helped over one thousand learners improve their English language skills—and all with the assistance of over one hundred volunteer tutors, come of whom have been with the Center since the very beginning. These dedicated tutors have opened new doors of opportunity to those they have served, helping them to boost their employment and business development prospects, enhance their contributions to the community, and assist them in their pursuit of citizenship.

As the child of an immigrant, I understand the challenges these families can face as they try to acclimate to a new community and a new country. My father, Ted DeLauro, came to this country as a child and when his teachers and fellow classmates made fun of him for not immediately understanding the English language, he left school. He was just in 7th grade at the time. He was self-taught but never forgot his struggles and he dedicated much of his time as an adult helping other Italian immigrants translate documents and to learn the language. I can remember the visible relief and gratitude of each person and family he helped—it is that same remarkable gift that the Dominican Sisters and the volunteers at the Springs Learning Center give to each immigrant who seeks their help.

It is an honor for me to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the Dominican Sisters of Peace and the many volunteers and supporters of the Springs Learning Center as they celebrate their 20th Anniversary. My heartfelt thanks for their invaluable service, and very best wishes for many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING THE ILLINI BLUFFS HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM AS IHSA CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Illini Bluffs High School Softball Team as Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 1A State Champions.

The Illini Bluffs Softball team is no stranger to excelling when it comes to competition. The team has continued the legacy of competing in and winning the Class 1A State Championship for the second year in a row. The team now has two titles in Class 1A and are only one of two teams to do so since 2010. They are also the only team to have had a no-hitter finish in a State Title game since 1999. As a former student athlete, I commend them for their hard work and dedication.

I am incredibly proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District and the student athletes of Illini Bluffs High School. Madam Speaker, I would like to formally congratulate Illini Bluffs again on winning the Illinois High School Association Class 1A State Championships for Softball.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. McHENRY. Madam Speaker, due to a family emergency, I was unable to vote on June 13, 2022.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 256; YEA on Roll Call No. 257; and YEA on Roll Call No. 258.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAPEL HAVEN SCHLEIFER CENTER

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the residents, families, administration, and supporters of Chapel Haven Schleifer Center as they mark the 50th Anniversary of this very special organization.

In 1972 a group of parents who shared the challenges of caring for adult children with varying levels of social and developmental disabilities banded together to try to find a solution to a common goal. As the late Jerry Rossman, one of the Center's co-founders, once described, they wanted "a place where our kids could live and learn their independence and then go home." Since they could not find an existing program to meet their needs, the opened the Chapel Haven Schleifer Center as a private non-profit special needs agency. The Center was opened on Chapel Street in New Haven, Connecticut with 6 students, 2 staff, and a dog.

As word of the program's success spread and enrolled adults chose to make New Haven their lifelong home, the agency began to expand and needed to move to a larger campus. Today, Chapel Haven Schleifer Center occupies a flourishing campus on Whalley Avenue and serves over two-hundred fifty adults, ranging in age from eighteen to seventy, who are living with Down Syndrome, autism, intellectual disabilities, Asperger Syndrome and more.

The program's mission is to empower adults with social and developmental disabilities to live independent and self-determined lives. A new \$41.5 million capital campaign has resulted in state-of-the-art residential, teaching and community spaces, including the addition of a senior living facility, allowing senior members of the community to continue to live among friends and with independence.

Chapel Haven Schleifer Center has been recognized locally and nationally with a myriad of awards and commendations. The deep partnerships they have built within the New Haven community, particularly in Westville community which they call home, have enabled the Chapel Haven Schleifer Center to create a safe, nurturing environment where their clients and residents can thrive. It is my honor to stand today to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to the dedication administration and staff as well supporters of Chapel Haven for all that they do to ensure the success of this very special organization. Congratulations and Happy 50th Anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF COMMUNITY LEADER AND
PUBLIC SERVANT SYLVIA SASS

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. STRICKLAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Sylvia Sass, an extraordinary public servant and community leader in Washington State.

Since she was young, Sylvia Sass has been committed to overcoming obstacles. When Sylvia was 15, she applied for a sales position at a local shoe store where the store manager told her that they didn't hire women to sell shoes. She was given a trial period where she received no pay and, in the end, sold more shoes than the assistant manager. This same tenacity led Sylvia to become one of Tacoma's leading figures while serving her local and national community, raising a family, and owning a business.

So it was no surprise in 1956, when Tacoma's Mayor needed help rebuilding international relations around the world in the aftermath of World War II, that he turned to Sylvia Sass. She became the mayor's representative for President Eisenhower's Town Affiliation Association, today Sister Cities International. Sylvia was a vital player in the early development of the organization and was appointed Washington State Coordinator for Sister Cities International. She attended regional meetings and represented SCI at annual League of Cities meetings with mayors from across the country. She was even one of twelve people selected as delegates to have lunch with President Eisenhower. To this day, she remains active as

an honorary board member and is known as the First Lady of Sister Cities International.

In addition to her work with SCI, Sylvia has been a dedicated community leader in Tacoma and Pierce County for decades, founding the Lakewood Alacoma Club, a non-profit center for recovering alcoholics, receiving a volunteer award from the National Association for Mental Illness, and serving on the University Place Parks and Recreation Commission. In 2011, as former Tacoma Mayor, I declared March 1 as Sylvia B. Sass Day to recognize the amazing service and work she has done for the city of Tacoma.

Madam Speaker, Sylvia Sass exemplifies hard work, perseverance, and selfless service to others. She is a deeply respected member of our community and has profoundly impacted her region, country, and the world for decades. I am proud to call her my friend.

HONORING JUNETEENTH AS A
NATIONAL HOLIDAY

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the upcoming Juneteenth National Holiday, a day in which we celebrate the freedom of African Americans.

On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, proclaiming freedom for more than 3.5 million enslaved African Americans. On June 19, 1865, more than two years later, enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas, received the notice from U.S. General Gordon Granger that stated, "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free." In 1866, black Americans celebrated the first of many annual celebrations of Juneteenth on June 19. Beginning with a proclamation in 1938 and legislation in 1979, Texas became the first state to make Juneteenth an official holiday. More than half of the United States have, in recent years, recognized Juneteenth in some capacity, including Georgia. I have been a part of this celebration for the past several years, speaking at local ceremonies; and I appreciate the history of this commemoration.

I further believe it is important to celebrate freedom and liberty at every opportunity, which is why I supported S. 475, Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, when it came up for a vote in Congress in 2021. This national holiday is a celebration of freedom, and should be recognized by all Americans; as well as a day where we remember the moral stain that slavery had on our country. On behalf of the 11th Congressional District, and the United States House of Representatives, I join others throughout America in recognizing the freedom and individual liberty that Juneteenth represents.

HONORING IRWIN GARFINKEL,
PHD. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join family, friends, and colleagues in extending my very best wishes to Dr. Irwin Garfinkel on the occasion of his retirement. To say that he has left an indelible mark does not do justice to the impact that his professional contributions as a social worker and economist have made over the course of his career. There is no one that has done more to bring to the forefront of public debate the realities of poverty and its impact on families, children, and our communities. Dr. Garfinkel's volume of work has been extraordinary and we, as policy makers and as a society, have been fortunate to have benefited from his knowledge and expertise.

In a career that has spanned more than six decades, Dr. Garfinkel has dedicated countless hours to better understanding poverty, wealth, and the welfare state and how they shape communities and societies. Some of his earliest work was in Wisconsin, as the director of the Institute for Policy Research and later as the principle investigator of the Wisconsin Child Support Study where his research on child support and welfare helped to shape legislation not only in Wisconsin, but other states, within the U.S. Congress, and in other countries like Great Britain, Australia, and Sweden.

Dr. Garfinkel is also the author of over two hundred articles and sixteen books or edited volumes on poverty, income transfers, program evaluation, single-parent families and child support, and the welfare state. In fact, his book "Wealth and Welfare States: Is America Laggard or Leader?" and paper "Welfare State Myths and Measurement" take on widespread mistruths about poverty and the poor. Dr. Garfinkel went on to become a co-founding director of the Center on Poverty and Social Policy and spent decades at Columbia University where he was the Mitchell I. Ginsberg Professor of Contemporary Urban Problems and the co-founding director of the Columbia Population Research Center—the only such center to be funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to have been founded within a school of social work.

Throughout his career, Dr. Garfinkel has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to not only combatting poverty, but to understanding its sources—to look at the root causes and then look at how social and public policy could help families to break its cyclical nature. I have a deep respect and admiration for the work he has done.

I want to extend a special note of thanks to Dr. Garfinkel for the guidance and counsel he has given to me over the years, particularly with my work on expanding the child tax credit. That single public policy lifted half of American children out of poverty, and it did so because of the foundation of research and study that Irv provided. Passed and signed into law as part of the American Rescue Plan, we witnessed the economic benefit this policy had for families—especially the poor—and that is why we must continue the effort to make the expanded child tax credit permanent.